

MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)
Meeting – February 11, 2009
Fresno City Hall, Council Chambers (2nd Floor)
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

A. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by CHAIR Payne at 5:04 p.m.

Commissioners

Present:	Daniel Payne, CHAIR Rogenia Cox, VICE-CHAIR Armando Rodriguez, Commissioner Jeffrey Harrington, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner	Absent:	Wayne Jones, Commissioner
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Staff

Present:	Claudia Cázares, Interim Manager Housing and Community Development Erica Castaneda, Acting Recording Secretary	Absent:	Keith Bergthold, Interim Director Planning and Development Department
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B. COMMUNICATIONS

Claudia Cázares informed Commissioners that the Special Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2009 has been canceled.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 28, 2009 were approved as presented.

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT II TO HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH EAH, INC. AND ARBOR COURT INC., TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HOME CHDO-ASSISTED UNITS FROM 19 TO 9 FOR THE ARBOR COURT DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSED STATE FUNDING SOURCE AND TO REDUCE AUTHORIZED HOME CHDO FUNDING FROM \$1,400,000 TO \$1,278,199 IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH HOME CHDO PROGRAM PER UNIT SUBSIDY LIMITS.**

Claudia Cázares, Housing and Community Development Division, provided the report to Commissioners. Staff recommends approval of Amendment II to Home Investment Partnerships Community Housing Development Organization Agreement with EAH, Inc and Arbor Court, Inc. to reduce the number of HOME CHDO assisted units from 19 to 9. The project was originally taken on by Central Community Development Center and since then has been assigned to EAH, Inc. and Arbor Court, Inc. The project is located near Chestnut & Laurel Avenues in southeast Fresno. In 2005, the City awarded \$750,000 in HOME CHDO funds and an additional \$650,000 in 2008 for the project. EAH, Inc. and Arbor Court, Inc. have applied for additional funds to help cover a \$2 million funding gap from the State's Multifamily Housing Program (MHP). EAH, Inc. and Arbor Court, Inc. have requested the City to amend the agreement to reduce the number of HOME CHDO assisted units from 19 to 9 to meet the State's MHP requirements. All nineteen units will be affordable to low and very low income families. Due to the reduction in HOME units, the City will be required to reduce the HOME CHDO funds for the project from a previously approved amount of \$1,400,000 to \$1,278,199 to meet HOME Program maximum subsidy requirements. Commissioners had questions and discussion followed. Derek Isaksen, Regional Manager for EAH, Inc. assisted in answering Commissioner's questions.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Commissioner Rodriguez
Second: Commissioner Cox seconded the motion.
Ayes: Payne, Cox, Rodriguez
Noes: Harrington
Abstain: None

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

1. Chair Payne informed Commissioners that the CDBG amount in stimulus package was approved for 10 billion dollars; therefore, the City will receive a higher CDBG amount. The City is also receiving 11 million dollars for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
2. Chair Payne inquired about the status of the TV show, "American Dream Restored".

F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. Commissioner Harrington inquired about the status of appointing new Commissioners to HCDC. Claudia Cázares informed Commissioners that she met with Kelly Furtado, Deputy City Manager and was told that appointing new commissioners is a top priority for the Mayor.
2. Chair Payne discussed reappointment of current commissioners.

G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: **February 25, 2009.**

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Attest: Daniel Payne, CHAIR

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Interim Manager
Housing and Community Development